

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 8, 2013
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:09 P.M.

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Thomas Lewis, Salvation Army, and the pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council Page Yesenia Centeno.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence Morrissey

Aldermen: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -10-

Absent: Jacobson (late), Beck, McNeely -3-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of April 1, 2013 seconded by Alderman Hervey. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, Beck, McNeely absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. John Brantley thanked Mayor Morrissey for attending the Ellis Heights/Fairgrounds meeting today and thanked community members for supporting the new Secretary of State facility on Auburn Street. He explained why he believes public service workers should live in the City of Rockford.
5. Dyanna Chandler thanked Aldermen Curran, Wasco, Timm, Johnson and Jacobson for their dedicated service to the community. She shared a personal story of perseverance and explained how it relates to issues facing our city.
6. James DeVoe spoke about the positive things happening on the west side of Rockford involving youth groups and the community gardens program.

Alderman Jacobson entered the meeting at 6:17 pm.

7. Rudy Valdez thanked Venita Hervey, 5th Ward Aldermen, for helping shine positive attention to the southwest quadrant of the city and reported SWIFTT hosted a school board candidate forum last week that was well attended and very informative.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted two (2) requests for service. Referred to Public Works Department.
9. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Derek Bergsten, Fire Chief, regarding an Emergency P.O. for repairs to an ambulance in the amount of \$87,308.74. Placed on file.

10. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Vicki Manson, Development Programs Manager, regarding Illinois Housing Development Authority Trust Fund Application. Refer to Finance and Personnel Committee.
11. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding the proposed sale of city-owned property, vacant lot located at 1811 South Central Avenue. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
12. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding transfer of property to Rockford School District 205, part of Well 37, Huffman Blvd. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
13. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Vicki Manson, Development Programs Manager, regarding Illinois Housing Development Authority Trust Fund Application. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
14. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Julia Valdez, Director of Human Resources, regarding upcoming special events:
 1. Purina Pet Adoption – 4/20/13
 2. Kentucky Derby Party – 5/4/13
 3. Biggest Loser – 6/15/13
 4. 4th of July Celebration – 7/4/13

Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

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17. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Painting Services be made to the three firms submitting responsible bids: F & L Decorators, Art Works, and JEM, all of Rockford, Illinois. The funding source is Property Fund. LAID OVER.
18. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of April 8, 2013 in the amount of \$2,032,740.12.

19. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Logistics Parkway Plat of Roadway Dedication. LAID OVER.
20. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Replat of Buckley Commercial Center Plat #4. LAID OVER.

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21. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report REVERSING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council DENY the variation to keep the existing sign height for the Red Roof Inn sign that exceeds eight (8) feet in height and APPROVE the variation to allow a combined Red Roof Inn and Giovanni's low profile monument sign at the northwest corner of Argus and Bell School Road in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 610 North Bell School Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Must submit a sign permit application for staff review and approval.

Denial/Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Beach. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck, McNeely absent).

OFFICERS REPORTS

22. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming April 9, 2013 to be "NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY" in Rockford, Illinois and urged residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city, to thank those who serve, and to find ways to give back to our community.
23. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2013 to be "GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP MONTH" in Rockford, Illinois and called upon our citizens to join in cleanup projects throughout the city and county on April 27, 2013 to keep our community clean, green and healthy.
24. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 14, 2013 to be "WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged all citizens to support early childhood services and learn about the many programs and resources in our community.
25. Mayor Morrissey thanked all the University of Illinois Architect students and facilitators for supporting our efforts through the Project Choice Neighborhood's Grant received by the Rockford Housing Authority to review facilities at Fairgrounds.
26. Mayor Morrissey congratulated the Rockford Icemen on a tremendous season finishing in the top four at the Tier II National Championships.

27. Mayor Morrissey also congratulated Fred VanVleet, Wichita State Shockers, on a tremendous basketball season making it into the final four at the NCAA Tournament. He wished him much success in his future years at Wichita State.
28. Alderman Johnson thanked Dyanna Chandler for her comments during the public participation portion of the meeting.
29. Alderman Johnson mentioned attending the Private Association of Clubs dinner last night at the 3L Club and thanked Alderman Durkee for the kind words he said about his colleagues.
30. Alderman Johnson also mentioned attending the PBPA Retirement dinner last Thursday evening at the UAW Hall and expressed her appreciation for the gift of engraved artwork they presented her.
31. Alderman Mark announced he will be performing with the Rockford Dance Company and Fatally Unique Dance Team on Saturday, April 13th at the Coronado Theatre at 7:00 pm. He encouraged all to attend the event.
32. Alderman Thompson-Kelly requested that residents are notified of new traffic ordinances and signage posted on those streets. Referred to Public Works Department.
33. Alderman Thompson-Kelly commended the board members and staff of Crusader Community Health Center for the excellent services they provide this community.
34. Alderman Thompson-Kelly announced last week the Secretary of State's Office opened its new location on Auburn Street.
35. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked Mayor Morrissey for attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for Wild Wild Westmor Lanes and commended Marge, proprietor of Westmor Lanes, for her commitment to the community.
36. Alderman Thompson-Kelly wished Mrs. Simpson a happy 95th birthday on April 15, 2013. She invited everyone to attend an open house in her honor at 906 North Horsman Street on April 13th.
37. Alderman Thompson-Kelly announced the Fairgrounds Outreach Program-Community Partners meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 2:00 pm at the Fairgrounds Community Center. She encouraged all to attend.
38. Alderman Thompson-Kelly requested information on the Springfield Corner/Easter Seals Development, Auburn Street TIF and River Edge Development.
40. Alderman Hervey reminded everyone that street projects will be starting and encouraged driver's to carefully plan their routes as to avoid delays.
41. Alderman Hervey advised residents yard waste pick began on April 1st.

42. Alderman Hervey wished Ms. Bea Taylor a happy 106th birthday and invited everyone to attend a celebration of her life at the Ethnic Heritage Museum on April 14th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. She is being honored as the African American Gallery's Women of the Year.
43. Alderman Beach reported for the first time in nine years a "SOLD OUT" sign will be posted on the marque at the Coronado Theatre for the Willy Nelson concert.
44. Alderman Beach mentioned tomorrow is his birthday and invited everyone to indulge in treats made by Sonya after the council meeting.

Mayor Morrissey wished Alderman Beach a happy birthday.

45. Alderman Timm urged everyone to get out and vote in tomorrow's election.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2013-148CR

47. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council DENY the sale of packaged liquor in conjunction with a liquor store in the name of **Ali Abbas d/b/a Laredo Food and Liquor** in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 1128 South Main Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2013-149CR

48. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council DENY the sale of tobacco in conjunction with a liquor store in the name of **Ali Abbas d/b/a Laredo Food and Liquor** in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 1128 South Main Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2013-150CR

49. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Modification of Special Use Permit #018-10 to include used vehicles sales in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 815 and 821 Kishwaukee Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
1. If site has gravel, that it be replaced with topsoil and seed.
 2. The sale of vehicles is limited to the area shown on Exhibit D and shall be limited to

- eight (8) vehicles.
3. The vehicles for sale must be operable and not wrecked.

Approval is based on the Finding of Fact. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2013-047-O

50. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 290 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following, to-wit:

That stop control be established on Roncevalles Avenue stopping for Brendenwood Road, thus repealing the existing traffic control on Roncevalles Avenue yielding for Brendenwood Road.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2013-048-O

51. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following, to-wit:

"No Parking Anytime" on both sides of South Main Street from Cedar Street to Indiana Avenue.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2013-049-O

52. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 288 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following, to-wit:

"Parkway Parking" on the north side of Auburn Street from 101 feet east of Irving Avenue to 181 feet east of Irving Avenue.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2013-050-O

53. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 283 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following, to-wit:

"30 Minute Parking" on the north side of Elm Street from Church Street to 90 feet west of Church Street.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2013-051-O

54. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 195 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following, to-wit:

"20 MPH Playground Zone Speed Limit" on Belden Street from Gilbert Avenue to Garfield Drive.

"20 MPH Playground Zone Speed Limit" on Pepper Drive from Burning Tree Drive to 150 feet north of playground.

"20 MPH Playground Zone Speed Limit" on Sherman Avenue from Central Avenue to Sunset Avenue.

"20 MPH Playground Zone Speed Limit" on Wesleyan Avenue from 23rd Street to Arizona Avenue.

"20 MPH Playground Zone Speed Limit" on Westchester Drive from Rural Street to Greenwood Avenue.

"20 MPH Playground Zone Speed Limit" on Roland Avenue from Rural Street to Greenwood Avenue.

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MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -11-
Nays: -0-

Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2013-151CR

55. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for City-Wide Street Repairs Group 2 be made to the low bidder, William Charles Construction, of Loves Park, Illinois for their total bid of \$636,083.35. The funding source is Sales Tax. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2013-152CR

56. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of an Award of Contract for Police Patrol Vehicles be made to Lou Bachrodt Automall, of Rockford, Illinois for 28 Chevrolet Caprices for a total of \$778,960. The funding source is 2014 Police Department Capital Budget. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2013-052-O

57. Alderman Jacobson moved the adoption of an Ordinance approving the River Edge Redevelopment Zone (RERZ) Amendment to expand boundaries /Jackson School Development Project. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Elyea -10-

Nays: Thompson-Kelly -1-

Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2013-040R

58. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Central Services Manager to take bids for the following:

- A. Bid: City-Wide Sidewalk & ADA Repairs, Pkg. E 2013, funding source: Sales Tax
- B. Bid: Human Services Summer Food Program, funding source:
USDA/ISBE Summer Food Service Program

2013-041R

59. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Resolution that the Rockford City Council urges Congress to fully fund the F35 Strike Fighter Program and avoid further production curtailments which will increase costs associated with the Program and urges Rockford's

Federal elected representatives to support the F35 Program given its importance to U.S. national security as well as its economic impact on the Rockford, Illinois and the U.S. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck, McNeely absent).

60. Alderman Curran submitted a Resolution that the City Council consider amending the rules and procedures relating to the public comment portion of the City Council meetings. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

61. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a modification of a Special Use Permit #018-10 to include used vehicle sales in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 815 and 821 Kishwaukee Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
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 3. The vehicles for sale must be operable and not wrecked.

Approval is based on the Finding of Fact. LAID OVER.

2013-053-O

62. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 64 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a variation to allow a combined Red Roof Inn and Giovanni's low profile monument sign at the northwest corner of Argus and Bell School Road at 610 North Bell School Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Must submit a sign permit application for staff review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

63. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed
City Council Clerk

[The meeting was taped in its entirety, and the tape is on file in the Legal Department]

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
City Council Chambers, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
APRIL 15, 2013
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council meeting:

- Call to Order by the Mayor
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call and determination of quorum
- Acceptance of Journal of Proceedings
- Petitions and Communications
- Committee Reports
- Officers Reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER APRIL 8, 2013

1. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Parking Ticket Hearing Code Officer be made to the sole proposer, Attorney Joseph Kosek, of Rockford, Illinois for his fee of \$175.00 per hour for years 1 and 2 and \$200.00 per hour for year 3. The funding source is Parking Fund.
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4. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the Logistics Parkway Plat of Roadway Dedication.
5. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the Replat of Buckley Commercial Center Plat #4.

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER APRIL 8, 2013

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III. MOTION/RESOLUTIONS READ APRIL 15, 2013

1. Mark - Purina Pet Adoption – 4/20/13
2. Mark - Kentucky Derby Party – 5/4/13
3. Mark - Biggest Loser – 6/15/13
4. Mark - 4th of July Celebration – 7/4/13

IV. NEW BUSINESS (note: Ordinances may be read in under New Business and Rule 11 suspended and final vote taken. Committee Reports would have previously been voted on).

- * same action taken before
- Adjournment

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The following items appear on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas as noted. Items may receive a vote at committee and come before the first City Council meeting held after the committee meeting. Rule 11 can be suspended and final vote taken on said items at the City Council meeting (no rule suspension is necessary to take a vote on vouchers).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

Monday, April 15, 2013, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)

AGENDA

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| 1. | C & R 13-50 | Special Event: Cinco de Mayo Festival
Purina Pet Adoption
Kentucky Derby Party
Biggest Loser
4 th of July Celebration | 5/4/13 & 5/5/13
04/20/13
05/04/13
06/15/13
07/04/13 |
| 2. | C & R 13-54 | Transfer of Property to Rkfd School Dist. 205/Part of Well 37,
Huffman Blvd. | |

3. C & R 13-55 Proposed Sale of City-Owned Property/1811 S. Central Avenue – Vacant Land
4. C & R 13-56 Illinois Housing Development Authority Trust Fund Application
5. C & R 13-57 Resolution: For Consideration to Amend the Rules & Procedures Relating to the Public Comment Portion of the City Council Meetings
6. C & R 13-58 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending and/or Threatened Litigation – Jackson/Ausler v. City of Rockford

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, April 15, 2013, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Rental of Traffic Control Devices – Suspend rules
 - B. Award of Bid: Wood Grinding
 - C. Award of Contract: Police & Fire Unmarked Cars – Suspend rules
 - D. Engineering Agreement: Final Design Services – Secondary Wells
 - E. Resolution to take Bids
 - F. Change Order: Waterworks Contractual Services – Well & Pump Servicing
 - G. Change Order: Waterworks Contractual Services – Electrical Wiring
 - H. Change Order #2: Parmele Storm Water Improvements
 - I. Vouchers
2. Illinois Housing Development Authority Trust Fund Application – Suspend rules
3. Agreement to Purchase 325 South Madison Street for the Riverfront Sports Complex Project – **(Laid over 4/8)**

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, April 15, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

1. Memorandum from Jovita Donahue, Development Specialist, regarding Amendment to Agreement for CDBG assistance to James Colombi/CJ's Lounge, 302 East State Street.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Monday, April 15, 2013, _____ p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.